<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A computer-based method of administering an assessment, comprising steps of:

receiving a request for said assessment <u>from at least one test taker terminal, said request including a user identification and an assessment identifier</u>;

<u>storing the user identification and the assessment identifier</u>;

presenting a test corresponding to said requested assessment; [[and]]

deriving<u>, in a processor,</u> a <u>plurality of</u> dynamic <u>questions</u> ~~question for inclusion~~ from an electronic ~~archive~~ <u>memory</u> for inclusion in said test, <u>each of the plurality of</u> ~~said~~ dynamic <u>questions</u> ~~question~~ including a stem question and one of a stem question formula, a stem question range, a stem question variable, and a stem question constant<u>, and each of the plurality of dynamic questions including a predetermined total number of points for awarding to a provided answer and a predetermined criteria used to evaluate the provided answer</u>;

<u>evaluating, in the processor, the provided answer provided in response to each dynamic question and each static question retrieved from the electronic memory and included in said test, said evaluating step including awarding the predetermined total amount of points for a correct answer and awarding a predetermined part of said total amount of points for one of an alternate answer and an answer that deviates from the correct answer by the predetermined criteria</u>;

<u>creating the assessment based on the evaluated answers, said assessment including an assessed level of knowledge</u>;

<u>creating a recommendation based on the assessment, when the assessed level of knowledge is lower than a predetermined trigger; and</u>

<u>providing at least one of the assessment and the recommendation to at least one of a</u>

<u>test taker, a test creator, an employee manager, and a vendor.</u>

Claim 2 - 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [[3]] <u>1</u>, wherein said

assessment identifier comprises at least one of:

an assessment topic;

an assessment sub-topic;

an assessment level;

a ~~knowledge~~ goal; and

a ~~knowledge~~ self-assessment.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [[3]] <u>1</u>, wherein said step of

presenting a test comprises:

dynamically creating said test from said electronic ~~archive~~ <u>memory</u> in correspondence

with a predetermined test creation rule, said predetermined test creation rule configured to

enable a correlation between a test characteristic and one of said user identification and said

assessment identifier.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of Claim 5, wherein said test characteristic

comprises:

a test duration;

a number of questions;

a test difficulty level;

a question sequence; and

a question grouping.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of Claim 5, wherein said step of presenting a test comprises:

incorporating said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant into said test in correspondence with a predetermined question selection rule, said predetermined question selection rule configured to enable a correlation between said stem question and said user identification and said assessment identifier.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of Claim 7, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and a previous test result.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of Claim 7, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and another question presented during a previous test.

Claim 10(Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [[10]] 1, wherein said step of providing one of said assessment and a recommendation comprises:

providing said recommendation based on a predetermined recommendation selection

rule, said predetermined recommendation rule configured to enable a correlation between an

answer provided in response to said dynamic question to said recommendation.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 5, further comprising:

creating said predetermined test creation rule; and

storing said predetermined test creation rule in said electronic <u>memory</u> ~~archive~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

creating said predetermined question selection rule; and

storing said predetermined question selection rule in said electronic <u>memory</u> ~~archive~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 11, further comprising:

creating said predetermined recommendation selection rule<u>, including a product rating</u>

<u>and a quantity of product to recommend</u>; and

storing said predetermined recommendation selection rule in said electronic <u>memory</u>

~~archive~~.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

creating said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range,

said stem question variable, and said stem question constant; and

storing said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range,

said stem question variable, and said stem question constant in said electronic ~~archive~~

<u>memory</u>.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of Claim 11, wherein said step of providing said recommendation based on a predetermined recommendation selection rule comprises:

providing a recommendation to purchase a product.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of Claim 16, further comprising:

receiving and storing payment information.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [10] 1, further comprising:

storing said answer to one of said dynamic question and said static question in the electronic ~~archive~~ memory.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein

said step of receiving a request for said assessment includes receiving a request for a group assessment and a group identifier; and

said step of presenting a test corresponding to said requested assessment includes presenting a group assessment comprising a plurality of assessments, each of said plurality of assessments including one of

a unique stem question,

a common stem question,

a common stem question range,

a common stem question variable, and

a common stem question constant.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A system configured to perform an assessment, comprising:

an input;

a processor connected to said input; and

a memory connected to one of said input and said processor, wherein said processor is configured to

receive a request for said assessment <u>from at least one test taker terminal, said request including a user identification and an assessment identifier</u>;

<u>store the user identification and the assessment identifier</u>;

present a test corresponding to said requested assessment; [[and]]

derive a <u>plurality of</u> dynamic <u>questions</u> ~~question for inclusion~~ from said memory for inclusion in said test, <u>each of said plurality of</u> ~~said~~ dynamic <u>questions</u> ~~question~~ including a stem question and one of a stem question formula, a stem question range, a stem question variable, and a stem question constant<u>, and each of the plurality of dynamic questions including a predetermined total number of points for awarding to a provided answer and a predetermined criteria used to evaluate the provided answer</u>;

<u>evaluate the provided answer provided in response to each dynamic question and each static question included in said test, said evaluation including awarding a predetermined total amount of points for a correct answer and awarding a predetermined part of said total amount of points for one of an alternate answer and an answer that deviates from the correct answer by a predetermined criteria</u>;

<u>create the assessment based on the evaluated answers, said assessment including an assessed level of knowledge</u>;

<u>create a recommendation based on the assessment, when the assessed level of knowledge is lower than a predetermined trigger; and</u>

<u>provide at least one of the assessment and the recommendation to at least one
of a Test Taker, a test creator, an employee manager, and a vendor.</u>

Claims 21-22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended):  The system of Claim [[22]] <u>20</u>, wherein said
assessment identifier comprises at least one of:

an assessment topic;

an assessment sub-topic;

an assessment level;

a goal; and

a self-assessment.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended):  The system of Claim [[22]] <u>20</u>, wherein said
processor is further configured to dynamically create said test from said memory in
correspondence with a predetermined test creation rule, said predetermined test creation rule
configured to enable a correlation between a test characteristic and one of said user
identification and said  assessment identifier.

Claim 25 (Original):  The system of Claim 24, wherein said test characteristic
comprises:

a test duration;

a number of questions;

a test difficulty level;

a question sequence; and

a question grouping.

Claim 26 (Original): The system of Claim 24, wherein said processor is further configured to incorporate said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant into said test in correspondence with a predetermined question selection rule, said predetermined question selection rule configured to enable a correlation between said stem question and said user identification and said assessment identifier.

Claim 27 (Original):The system of Claim 26, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and a previous test result.

Claim 28 (Original):The system of Claim 26, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and another question presented during a previous test.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The system of Claim [[29]] 20, wherein said processor is further configured to provide said recommendation based on a predetermined recommendation selection rule, said predetermined recommendation rule configured to enable a correlation between an answer provided in response to said dynamic question to said recommendation.

Claim 31 (Original): The system of Claim 24, said processor further configure to:

create said predetermined test creation rule; and

store said predetermined test creation rule in said memory.

Claim 32 (Original): The system of Claim 26, said processor further configured to:

create said predetermined question selection rule; and

store said predetermined question selection rule in said memory.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 30, said processor further configured to:

create said predetermined recommendation selection rule, including a product rating and a quantity of product to recommend; and

store said predetermined recommendation selection rule in said memory.

Claim 34 (Original): The system of Claim 20, said processor further configured to:

create said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant; and

store said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant in said memory.

Claim 35 (Original): The system of Claim 30, said processor further configured to provide a recommendation to purchase a product.

Claim 36 (Original): The system of Claim 35, said processor further configured to receive and store payment information.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The system of Claim [[29]] 20, said processor further configured to store said answer to one of said dynamic question and said static question in the memory.

Claim 38 (Original): The system of Claim 20, said processor further configured to

receive a request for a group assessment and a group identifier; and

present a group assessment comprising a plurality of assessments, each of said plurality of assessments including one of

a unique stem question,

a common stem question,

a common stem question range,

a common stem question variable, and

a common stem question constant.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): A computer program product including computer-readable instructions, said computer-readable instructions when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform the steps comprising: configured to host instructions configured to enable a processor to

receive receiving a request for said assessment from at least one test taker terminal, said request including a user identification and an assessment identifier; [[and]]

storing the user identification and the assessment identifier;

present presenting a test corresponding to said requested assessment;

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derive deriving a plurality of dynamic questions question for inclusion from a

memory for inclusion in said test, each of said plurality of said dynamic questions question

including a stem question and one of a stem question formula, a stem question range, a stem

question variable, and a stem question constant, and each of the plurality of dynamic

questions including a predetermined total number of points for awarding to a provided

answer and a predetermined criteria used to evaluate the provided answer;

evaluating the provided answer provided in response to each dynamic question and

each static question included in said test, said evaluating step including awarding a

predetermined total amount of points for a correct answer and awarding a predetermined part

of said total amount of points for one of an alternate answer and an answer that deviates from

the correct answer by a predetermined criteria;

creating the assessment based on the evaluated answers, said assessment including an

assessed level of knowledge;

creating a recommendation based on the assessment, when the assessed level of

knowledge is lower than a predetermined trigger; and

providing at least one of the assessment and the recommendation to at least one of a

test taker, a test creator, an employee manager, and a vendor.


Claims 40-41(Canceled).


Claim 42 (Currently Amended):  The computer program product of Claim [[41]] 39,

wherein said  assessment identifier comprises at least one of:

an assessment topic;

an assessment sub-topic;

an assessment level;

a goal; and

a self-assessment.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of Claim [[41]] 39, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

dynamically create said test from said memory in correspondence with a predetermined test creation rule, said predetermined test creation rule configured to enable a correlation between a test characteristic and one of said user identification and said assessment identifier.

Claim 44 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 43, wherein said test characteristic comprises:

a test duration;

a number of questions;

a test difficulty level;

a question sequence; and

a question grouping.

Claim 45 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 43, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

incorporate said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant into said test in correspondence with a predetermined question selection rule, said predetermined question selection rule configured to enable a correlation between said stem question and said user identification and said assessment identifier.

Claim 46 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and a previous test result.

Claim 47 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein said predetermined question selection rule is further configured to enable a correlation between said user identification and another question presented during a previous test.

Claim 48 (Canceled).

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of Claim [[48]] 39, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to provide said recommendation based on a predetermined recommendation selection rule, said predetermined recommendation rule configured to enable a correlation between an answer provided in response to said dynamic question to said recommendation.

Claim 50 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 43, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

create said predetermined test creation rule; and

store said predetermined test creation rule in said memory.

Claim 51 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 45, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

create said predetermined question selection rule; and

store said predetermined question selection rule in said memory.

Claim 52 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 49, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

create said predetermined recommendation selection rule; and

store said predetermined recommendation selection rule in said memory.

Claim 53 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 39, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

create said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant; and

store said stem question and one of said stem formula, said stem question range, said stem question variable, and said stem question constant in said memory.

Claim 54 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 49, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

provide a recommendation to purchase a product.

Claim 55 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 54, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

receive and store payment information.

Claim 56 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 48, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

store said answer to one of said dynamic question and said static question in the memory.

Claim 57 (Original): The computer program product of Claim 39, further comprising instructions configured to enable the processor to

receive a request for a group assessment and a group identifier; and

present a group assessment comprising a plurality of assessments, each of said plurality of assessments including one of

a unique stem question,

a common stem question,

a common stem question range,

a common stem question variable, and

a common stem question constant.

Claim 58 (New): The method of Claim 16, wherein said recommendation to purchase a product includes a recommendation to purchase at least one of a book, a video, a computer software, and an online course.

Claim 59 (New): The method of Claim 11, wherein said recommendation includes at least one of a request for a catalogue, a phone call, and an e-mail newsletter.

Claim 60 (New): The system of Claim 35, wherein said processor is further configured to provide a recommendation to purchase a product, including at least one of a book, a video, a computer software, and an online course.

Claim 61 (New): The system of Claim 35, wherein said processor is further configured to provide a recommendation to purchase a product, including at least one of a phone call, and an e-mail newsletter.

Claim 62 (New): The computer program product of Claim 54, wherein said recommendation to purchase a product includes a recommendation to purchase at least one of a book, a video, a computer software, and an online course.

Claim 63 (New): The method of Claim 11, wherein said recommendation includes at least one of a request for a catalogue, a phone call, and an e-mail newsletter.

Claim 64 (New): The method of Claim 16, wherein said test difficulty level is determined by one of an explicit definition by a test maker and a predetermined analysis of a past performance of the test taker.

Claim 65 (New): The system of Claim 25, wherein said test difficulty level is determined by one of an explicit definition by a test maker and a predetermined analysis of a past performance of the test taker.

Claim 66 (New): The computer program product of Claim 44, wherein said test difficulty level is determined by one of an explicit definition by a test maker and a predetermined analysis of a past performance of the test taker.